

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (Withdrawn) A vascular prosthesis for repairing a diseased first vessel comprising:
- a pair of folded, resilient, annular springs each having a first pair of loops extending in one direction and a second pair of loops extending in the opposite direction, said first and second pairs of loops connected together, and
 - a tubular graft connected to each spring, wherein said tubular graft has a pair of free ends, said annular springs being connected to each of said free ends.
22. (Withdrawn) The prosthesis of claim 21, said second pair of loops are arranged to avoid occlusion of the renal arteries when said prosthesis is positioned in the abdominal aorta.
23. (Withdrawn) The prosthesis of claim 21, wherein said annular springs have an unfolded diameter and said tubular graft has a diameter less than the unfolded diameter of one of said annular springs.
24. (Withdrawn) The prosthesis of claim 21, wherein one of said annular springs is formed by a plurality of strands of resilient wire having a substantially common central axis.
25. (Withdrawn) The prosthesis of claim 24 wherein one of said springs is circular in cross-section when undeformed.

Claims 26-27 (Cancelled)

28. (Withdrawn) The prosthesis of claim 21 including a device for axially receiving a guide wire, said devices adapted to telescopically and releasably receive said guide wire.

Claims 29-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) A prosthesis for insertion within a body passage comprising:

a first section including a resiliently deformable first annular element and a first tubular graft that is less resilient than said first annular element, said first tubular graft having a pair of free ends and an internal surface, said first annular element connected to one of said free ends;

a second section axially aligned with said first section, said second section including a resiliently deformable second annular element, said second annular element of said second section adapted to communicate with and resiliently engage an internal surface of said first tubular graft of said first section so as to adjustably fix the second section within the first tubular graft;

a pair of relatively rigid elements defining a pair of independent passages into said free end of said second prosthesis section; and

a third and fourth prosthesis section telescopically engaging said relatively rigid elements on said free end of said second prosthesis section, each said third and fourth prosthesis sections including a pair of annular resilient deformable spring elements and a tubular graft, said spring elements attached to free ends of said tubular graft, at least one of said spring elements adapted to engage the interior of said second prosthesis section.

33. (Previously Presented) The prosthesis of claim 32 wherein said second section further includes a second tubular graft attached to said second resilient element, said second tubular graft having a pair of free ends, one of said free ends connected to said second resilient element.

Claims 34-35 (Cancelled)

36. (Previously Presented) The prosthesis of claim 32 wherein said second prosthesis section includes a graft which has one end which defines a single passage and an opposite end which defines a pair of bifurcated passages which communicate with said single passage.

Claims 37-62 (Cancelled)

63. (Currently Amended) A prosthesis comprising:
a tubular graft having a pair of free ends; and
a ring comprising a bundle of ~~concentrically~~ concentric, radially overlapping windings formed of a strand of resilient wire, said ring located adjacent one of said free ends and said windings coaxial with said tubular graft.

64. (Previously Presented) The prosthesis of claim 63 wherein the minimum bending diameter of said ring is less than that of a solid ring of the same dimensions.

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65. (Previously Presented) A prosthesis comprising:
a tubular graft having a pair of free ends; and
a ring comprising a bundle of overlapping windings formed of a strand of resilient wire, said ring secured to said graft adjacent one of said free ends thereof, wherein the minimum bending diameter of said ring is less than that of a solid ring of the same dimensions.

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66. (Currently Amended) A prosthesis comprising:
a tubular graft having a pair of free ends; and
an annular element comprising a bundle of radially overlapping windings formed of a strand of resilient wire, said ~~annular element~~ windings adapted to be concentric with said tubular graft and located adjacent one of said free ends.